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Territory Wide Ghut Cleaning Efforts Underway

U.S. Virgin Islands – The Department of Public Works begun ramping up its annual ghut cleaning efforts in recent weeks. Just last week, the ghut located between Bellows International and the VITRAN Bus Depot was cleared. Before and after photos show the level of dirt and debris that accumulated in that particular ghut.

“As we prepare for hurricane season, we want to ensure that these areas are cleaned to facilitate clear passageways and minimize flooding,” said Commissioner Nelson Petty Jr., P.E.

On St. Croix, of the total 26 ghuts, 13 have been cleared, 7 are in progress and 6 are scheduled to begin on June 27. On St. Thomas, of the 28 ghuts, 15 are clear, 4 are in progress and 8 are scheduled to be cleared this week. On the island of St. John, all ghuts have been cleared.

The Department of Public Works has also partnered with the Department of Waste Management to address ghuts that have been affected by sewage. Ghuts are cleared and maintained in accordance with the guidelines stipulated by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources.

DPW appreciates the community's patience as they work to improve road conditions throughout the territory. Follow DPW on Facebook @usvidpw and @vitranusvi. You can also log on to www.dpw.vi.gov and www.vitranvi.com to stay abreast of all things V.I. Public Works.